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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995</p>	Application Number	09/877,802
	Filing Date	June 6, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Nakamura
	Group Art Unit	1641
	Examiner Name	G. Gabel
	Attorney Docket Number	19626-0112 (45454-259755)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) for Revival of an Application Unintentionally Abandoned for Failure to Prosecute
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the following fees:
- i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
- ii. ☒ Fee for Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) for Revival of an Application Unintentionally Abandoned for Failure to Prosecute
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees in the amount of \$1,794 to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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